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JOHN PONSONBY, Speaker.



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FROM THE COMMITTEE

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PETITION of JOHN O DONNELL

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City of *Limerick*, Freeman, and others, and also,
the MATTER of the PETITION of JOHN BOUCHIER
and others, Freeholders of the County of *Clare*.

Mr. *Speaker*,

Y O U R Committee appointed to examine into the
Matters contained in the Petition of *John O Donnell*,
of the City of *Limerick*, Freeman, and others, and of
John Bouchier, Gentleman of the County of *Clare*, and others,
have met pursuant to Order, and enquired into the Matters to
them referred, and have for that Purpose, examined several
Persons in the most solemn Manner, pursuant to the Power
vested in them by the House, and have ordered me to Report
the whole Matter, as it appeared to them, with their Opinion
thereupon to the House.

YOUR Committee find that the Corporation of the City of
Limerick, consists of a Mayor, Sheriffs and Citizens, and that
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they have a very considerable Estate in Lands belonging to them, but though your Committee, have made all the Enquiry in their Power, they have not been able to get any of the Title Deeds relative to said Estate ; or to trace out the Title to the same, save as herein after mentioned : Your Committee have inspected the several Royal Charters granted to the said City, and find therein, grants of all Waste Grounds within the Precincts of the said City, to the Mayor, Sheriffs and Citizens, and their Successors, and your Committee presume that a considerable Part of said Estate, consists of Grounds that were formerly Waste ; your Committee have likewise inspected the several Leases of the different Parts of the said Estate, and find that in all the said Leases, the Mayor, Sheriffs and Citizens, are mentioned to Demise, and the Rents are thereby reserved to them and their Successors ; your Committee likewise find Queen *Elizabeth*, by her Royal Charter, bearing Date the Nineteenth of *May*, in the Twenty Fifth Year of her Reign, granted to the said Corporation, the Salmon Wier and the Island of *Inniscattery* in the River *Shannon*, and also the little Customs called Ingate and Outgate Customs ; your Committee find, that the Common Council, of the said City, consists of the Mayor, Sheriffs, Aldermen and Burgesses, but no mention whatsoever is made of said Body, in any of the Charters of said City ; your Committee cannot find that there is any Clause in any of the said Charters, or any Bye-Law, which impowers the said Common Council, to dispose of the Estate or Revenue of the said Corporation, or of any Part thereof, but your Committee find several Entries in the Common Council Books, by which it appears, that the Common Council did at different Times, dispose of Part of the Revenue of the said Corporation, and made Leases of some Parts of the said Estate ; your Committee find, that by the Charter of King *John*, granted to the said City, as the same is recited in the Charter of Queen *Elizabeth*, to the said City, it is mentioned, that the Citizens of the City of *Limerick*, shall hold all the Tenures to the said City belonging, to be disposed of at their Will, by the common Assent of the said Citizens ; and your Committee find by all the Entries in the Books of the Corporation, that the Tolls of the Gates and Markets have been constantly set up to public Cant yearly (except the last Year) in the Court of *D'oyer Hundred*

or General Assembly of the whole Corporation; and your Committee likewise find by several Entries in the Corporation Books, that several Parts of the Corporation Estate have been likewise set up to Cant in the Court of *D'oyer Hundred*, to be let. Your Committee find in one of the Council Books, an Entry dated the Twentieth Day of *August*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Eight, in the Words following, " A Motion being made, and the Question put, that all Leases hereafter to be made by this Corporation, of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments belonging to them, be first propounded to the Court of *D'oyer Hundred*, for their Assent thereunto, before such Leases be perfected; the same passed in the Affirmative, *Nemine Contradicente*"; Your Committee likewise find another Entry in the said Book, dated the Seventh Day of *October*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Eight, by which it appears, that the Court of *D'oyer Hundred*, confirmed an Order made by the Council for granting a Lease of part of said Estate, to Alderman *Randal Holland*; your Committee likewise find an Entry in the said Book, dated the Twenty Sixth of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Seven, wherein it is recited, that the former Mayor taking Advantage of the Absence of several of the Members of the Common Council, and in order to dispose of the Revenues of the City, in an unwarrantable and unusual Manner, did pretend to elect several Members into the said Common Council, and without the Approbation of the Citizens, to whom it of Right belongs to give their Assent to such Elections, and it was thereby declared, that such Elections are Void, and the said Persons so elected are thereby removed, and it was thereby ordered, that the said Resolution be presented and proposed to the next General Assembly of the Citizens for their Approbation; your Committee find, that on the same Day, several Persons were elected into the Common Council, and ordered to be proposed to the Court of *D'oyer Hundred* for their Approbation, and your Committee find, that on the First of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Seven, the said several Orders and Resolutions were Assented to, approved of, and confirmed in the Court of *D'oyer Hundred*, and that on the Sixth of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Seven, the said several Persons so elected and approved of, were admitted into and Sworn Members of the said Common Council; your Commit-

tee find, that *John Wight*, *Charles Smyth*, Esquire, and *George Sexton*, were three of the Persons so elected and admitted into the said Common Council, and that they have ever since enjoyed and exercised the Rights and Privileges of Members of the said Common Council; your Committee find, that on the Twenty-third of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-seven, several Sums were ordered in Common Council to be paid to several Persons, out of the City Revenue, and that said Orders should be proposed to the next General Assembly for their Assent, and that the same were accordingly on the Ninth of *October*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-seven, proposed to and confirmed in the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred*; your Committee find the like Orders made for Payment of Money on the Second of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-eight, and also an Order of the same Date, that each Mayor, for the future, should have 250 *l.* Salary, and no more; your Committee find, by an Entry in the said Corporation Books, that on the Twenty-second Day of *December*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty, several Complaints being made of several Members of the Council, upon Account of several large Sums being ordered on the Twentieth of *January*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-nine, to be paid to them, and several of the said Members having agreed to forego the said Sums, and subscribed a Writing to that Effect, it was ordered by the said Council that such Persons as refuse or neglect to Sign by the next Council an Order to that Effect, that then it be proposed to the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred* for their Assent; your Committee find, that on the Sixth Day of *March*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-six, the said Common Council took upon them to demise several considerable Parts of the Estate belonging to the Corporation, to several Members of the said Common Council for the Term of Nine Hundred and Ninety-nine Years at small Rents, and likewise that the said Common Council did on the Seventh Day of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-seven, take upon them to demise several other Parts of the said Estate for Terms of Nine Hundred and Ninety-nine Years, to Members of the said Common Council at small Rents; your Committee find, that the said Common Council did on the Ninth Day of *September*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-eight, take upon them to grant a Fee-farm Lease of a very considerable Part of
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the said Corporation Estate to a Member of the said Common Council, at the yearly Rent of 8 *l.* 10 *s.* Your Committee find, that the said Common Council did on the Tenth Day of *October*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-eight, take upon them to demise the greatest Part of the said Corporation Estate to several Members of the said Common Council, for Terms of Nine Hundred and Ninety-nine Years at trifling Rents ; and your Committee find that on the same Tenth Day of *October*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-eight, the said Leases were confirmed in a Court of *D'Oyer Hundred*, but your Committee do not find that any Notice whatsoever was given of holding the said Court, but the said Day is mentioned in the said Council Book to be the Second *Monday* of the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred* ; your Committee likewise find that the said Common Council have for several Years past, taken upon themselves to dispose of the Revenues of the said City amongst themselves, without permitting the Citizens in any Sort, to interfere therein ; your Committee find, that Mr. *John Vincent*, Burgess, was appointed Chamberlain of the City, by the Common Council, on the Twenty-sixth Day of *December*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty, and that he has been continued in the said Office, by the said Common Council, ever since ; and the said *John Vincent* laid before your Committee several Rent-rolls of the Lands belonging to the Corporation, and the Accounts of the Revenues of the said Corporation for Twenty-one Years past, and being examined, he said, that the said Accounts were true and just, and that the said Rent-rolls, as he believed, contained the whole Estate of the Corporation, that he did not know any Thing of the Value of the same, that he received some Parts of the Rents of the said Estate, but that a considerable Part of the same he did not receive, that he had set forth in the said Accounts, all the Sums he had received for Rent and the Arrears due, that at the Time the new Leases were granted, there were considerable Arrears due from the Tenants, and that he was told and believed that the new Leases were a Discharge of the said Arrear, and that he then took no farther Account of it, that the Arrear then due was considerable, an Account of which he delivered to the Committee, that he never received any Orders from any Part of the Corporation to remit said Arrear, that during the Time he was Chamberlain (which was Twenty-one Years) he never received above Forty-two Pounds from

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Alderman *Wight*, that the Part of the Corporation Estate demised to Alderman *Wight*, was as he heard a Grant from the Earls of *Thomond*, for keeping *Parteen* Causeway in Repair, that he once repaired that Road about two or three Years ago with the Corporation Money, that he did not think the present Rent reserved upon the Lease to Alderman *Wight* sufficient to keep said Road in Repair, that he believed the real Value of said Lands would be sufficient to keep the same in Repair, that the said Alderman *Wight* was One Hundred and Forty Eight Pounds Seven Shillings and Six-pence Halfpenny, in Arrear at the Time of making the new Lease to him; that the said Arrear and the old Rent would have been sufficient to have kept the said Road in Repair, and he said he believed that the Value of the old Lease was more than the said Arrear.

The said *John Vincent* being examined by your Committee, on another Day said, he had lodged with the Clerk of the House, all the original Accounts with the Corporation, since the Time of his coming into Office, that he was almost sure he paid the several Sums for which he had taken Credit in the said Accounts, that he also paid several other Sums mentioned in a Paper which he delivered in to your Committee, and he said, that some of the Sums mentioned in the said Paper, are included in the said other Accounts which he had before delivered in to the Clerk; that he believed he paid several of the Sums for which he has taken Credit in the said Accounts, without any Orders of the Council, for the Purpose, as for repairing the Alms House and the Church, and for other Work done for the Corporation; that he believed he had paid some Sums of Money by the Order of *Arthur Roche* only, when said *Roche* was not Mayor; that whenever said *Roche* made an Order on him to pay Money, he promised to get the Orders of Council to confirm it; that he did not think he ever got an Order of Council to confirm any of said Payments, and that he believed he had charged himself in said Accounts, with every Sum of Money he received for the use of the Corporation, but being further examined by your Committee, he said, that he had charged himself in said Accounts, only with the Sums he received 'till the Year, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Nine, but that since that Time, he had not charged himself with any of the Sums he had received on account of Rent, and said, he had no account
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here of the Sums he received since One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Nine, upon account of Rents.

Your Committee proceeded in the further Examination of the said *John Vincent*, but finding him extremely confused in his Answers, and seeing him in a bad State of Health, your Committee thought proper to give him time 'till the next Day, to recollect himself, but your Committee is informed, that he is in a very bad State of Health, and unable to attend your Committee, by which Means your Committee was prevented from receiving any further Information from him; but your Committee beg Leave to observe, that the said Accounts and Rent-rolls so lodged by the said *John Vincent* with the Clerk, appear to your Committee, to be fresh and lately wrote, mostly with the same Ink, and by the same Hands, so that there is strong Reason to suspect, that the same are not original Accounts, but lately made up for the Purpose. Though the said *John Vincent* in his Examination, declared he had lodged all his original Accounts with the Corporation, pursuant to the Order of the House for that Purpose with the Clerk of the House.

Richard Maunsell, Esquire, the Younger, being examined, say'd, he had been a Burgess of the said Corporation, since the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Four, that he is very conversant with the Affairs of the City, and has made it his Business to study the Constitution of it, that he generally attended the Council, and does not remember that any account was ever settled between the Common Council and the Chamberlain, that he believed no account was ever settled between them, that the Common Council in general, was not at all informed of the State of the Accounts, and that but very few of them knew any thing of the State of the Revenue, or Accounts, that he believed the principal Person acquainted with them, was *Arthur Roche*, and a few of his particular Acquaintance; he say'd, he was a Common Council Man, when 2000 *l.* was raised upon a Mortgage of the Salmon Wier; that he is confident, said Sum never was accounted for in the Court of *D'oyer Hundred*, and cannot recollect it ever was accounted for in Council, but that he heard some time ago that it was; that he has heard great Complaints made for several Years past, of Abuses committed in the Collection of the

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Tolls at the Gates, and in the Markets of the City. That the Streets and Back Lanes of the City have been kept in a very bad Condition for Six Years past, until very lately, most Parts of the same being covered with Dirt and Dung; that the Scavengers do not do their Duty, nor have they since his Memory; that he believed, the Scavengers Salaries are full sufficient to keep the whole City very clean; that there are many Frauds committed by the Butchers in the Markets; that he believed they might be prevented, if the Magistrates did their Duty; that the present Mayor is very active in his Duty, much more than the former Mayors; that no Affize of Bread was given out in the last Year except Once or Twice.

Your Committee find in the said Corporation Books, an Entry of an Order, bearing Date the Nineteenth of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Nine, made by the Council, for raising a Sum of 2000 *l.* upon a Mortgage of the Salmon Wier, to be paid to *Arthur Roche*, to discharge several Debts due by the Corporation, and that the like Order was made on the Ninth Day of *October*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Nine, in Council, and confirmed on the same Day, by the Court of *D'oyer Hundred*.

Robert Hallam, Town Clerk, being examined, say'd, he had been Town Clerk five Years past, that the usual Method of making Entries of the Acts of the Council, is to write down upon a Sheet of Paper, the Names of the Members of the Council, and to make a Mark at the Names of those present, to enter the Day, Month, and Year, and then to take short Notes of every Order that is conceived, if Petitions or Accounts are brought in: The usual Way is to make an Entry on the back of each, how the same is disposed of, and in a Day or two afterwards, he generally entered the full Sense of the Minutes so taken, at large in a Book kept for the Purpose.

Your Committee find, that there is an Entry in the said Corporation Books, dated the Twenty Second of *September*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty, importing, that *Arthur Roche*, Esquire, having produced an Account concerning the Application of the 2000 *l.* which he received from the Reverend *Richard Maunsell*, for the use of the Corporation, it
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was ordered that the said Account be referred to the Consideration of the Committee, and your Committee find an Entry in the said Corporation Book, dated the Seventeenth of *September* One Thousand Seven hundred and Fifty One, wherein it is recited, that a Committee of the Common Council had been appointed by the Common Council in Common Council assembled, to examine and State the Account of the Corporation of the City, and that they had Reported by their Chairman, under their Hands and Seals, that they had carefully and strictly examined an Account supplied to them by the said *Arthur Roche*, concerning the Application of the said Sum of 2000 *l.* and the manner in which he applied the same, and the Persons or Creditors to whom he paid the same (which account is therein mentioned to have been annexed to the said Report, and to have been read in Common Council) and that it did appear to them, that the said *Arthur Roche* had fairly, strictly and justly, applied the said Sum of 2000 *l.* in discharge of the Debts due of the said Corporation, it was therefore Resolved and Ordered, that the said Report and Account be confirmed, and that the said *Arthur Roche*, his Executors, and Administrators, be acquitted and discharged, from all manner of Suits, Claims, and Accounts, concerning the same, or the Application thereof, and it was also ordered, that the Sum of 10*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* $\frac{1}{2}$. Ballance due to the said *Arthur Roche*, on said Account, should be forthwith paid to him.

The said *Robert Hallam*, being further examined, say'd, he never had in his Custody, the Report mentioned in the above Order, that *Arthur Roche* was Town Clerk, at the Time the Order was made, that he has been Town Clerk ever since the said *Arthur Roche* quitted the said Office, that all the Papers and Books of the Corporation, which he now has, were delivered to him by said *Arthur Roche*, that it is not usual to keep or preserve the Accounts, that he made diligent Search in his Office, and could not find said Report or Account. That he never saw any Receipt for any Part of said Sum, or any Reconveyance of the Mortgages mentioned in the said Order, he also say'd, he bought the Office of Town Clerk for about 500 *l.* from *Arthur Roche*.

Alderman *Richard Maunsell*, being examined, said he did not remember that the said 2000 *l.* had ever been accounted

ted for in Council, or that the Chamberlain ever laid any account before the Council, that on the First Day of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty, 565*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* part of said 2000*l.* was paid to him by the Reverend *Richard Maunfell* for the use of Judge *Hassett*, to whom he paid same, and believed some Hundreds were paid by the said Reverend *Richard Maunfell*, to the Bishop of *Limerick*.

The Reverend *Richard Maunfell* being examined, say'd, he took upon the back of said Deed of Mortgage, *Arthur Roche's* Receipt for 2000*l.* the Mortgage Money, but that he did not pay the whole Money to him, that he took a Memorandum in writing of the Payments he made, and produced the same to your Committee, by which it appeared, that *Arthur Roche* had received no more of said Sum, than 697*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* that Mr. *Hasset* received 565*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* The Bishop of *Limerick* 512*l.* The Executors of *Exham* 175*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* and Mr. *Widenham* for a Gate Bond 49*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.*

Alderman *Arthur Roche* produced to your Committee, an Account of the application of the said Sum of 2000*l.* which he say'd was the Account lay'd before the Council, and appeared to be Signed but not Sealed by several Members of the Council, and your Committee beg leave to observe that the said *Roche* takes Credit in the said Account for the Sum of 350*l.* lent to *John* and *Vincent Brown* upon their Bond, and for several Sums spent at a Tavern, tho' it is recited in said Order of the Twenty Second of *September* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty, upon the Council Books, that the said Sum of 2000*l.* had been applied in discharge of the Corporation Debts.

The said *Arthur Roche* being examined say'd, that *John* and *Vincent Brown* applied to him to lend them 350*l.* part of said 2000*l.* to purchase a Commission in the Army for *Vincent Brown*, that he accordingly lent it to them upon their Bonds, that what he so did was not by the direction of the Corporation or of the Council, that he did not know in whose hands the Bonds were, or what is become of them, or to whom he delivered them, that the same were made payable to himself, and that there never was any Money paid to him as he remembers upon Account of said Bonds. Said *Roche* being examined on another Day say'd, he did not remember when he last saw the
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said Bonds, that he believed he delivered them to Mr. *John Brown*, but at what time he could not tell, that he did not remember that said *Brown* paid him any Money at the time, or that he laid any Account before him, that he never saw any Account relative to the Application of said Money, that he cannot from his knowledge say that said *Brown* paid any part of said Money, but Mr. *Brown* sent him word that he had paid as he remembers 160*l.* to *Simon Kent* for his Salary as Scavenger, and Mr. *Kent* told him he had received it ; as to the remainder of the Money he say'd he could give no account of it, that Mr. *Brown* is a Gentleman of Honour, and if he paid any part of it to him, he is willing to account for it. He say'd he never saw any of the Title Deeds of the Estate of the Corporation, except the Charters, that he had heard that the Lands of *Monebrabar* were a Gift to the Corporation from some Earl of *Thomond*, that he knew the lands called the *Spittal* Lands, that he heard and believed there was an Hospital on them formerly, and that said Lands were granted to the Corporation for the support of an Hospital, that said Lands are not set at their full value, that he believed such part of said Lands as were demised to him, were not at a Twentieth part of their value, that the Corporation intended same as a Bounty to him, that the value of the whole given to him by the Corporation abstracted from the Value of the Leases in being, which came to him in right of his Wife, were about One Hundred Pounds a Year, that he never heard that *Latullagh* was part of the *Spittal* Lands, that he never received above Twenty or Thirty Guineas as a Fine, that he never saw any Books belonging to the Council, but those produced ; that when he was Mayor, he quartered the Soldiers who were to stay any time in the Town, first on the Brewers, and then on the Popish Merchants, that he made the Constables return Lists on Oath of the Inhabitants fit to have Soldiers quartered on them, that he laid the Burthen principally upon the Popish Inhabitants, that he quartered the Soldiers equally according to the best of his Judgment, that *Richard Graves* had not one quartered on him, that he did not remember whether he quartered Officers or not, but if they came to him for Billets, believed he gave them, that he was as light on the Protestants as he could be, that he never quartered any upon Council-men, except that he quartered some upon the Brewery, in which some Council Men were concerned, he always quartered Soldiers when going thro' the Town, whether there were Orders from the Government, for the Pur-

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pose or not, that he did not enquire from the Barrack-Master or commanding Officer, whether there was room for them, in the Barracks or not, that he quartered the Men without any such Enquiry, that he believed none of the other Mayors quartered Men upon the City except when they were upon their March, but by the express Directions of the Government, that he was sure some of the Citizens were paid for quartering of Officers, for several Affidavits had been made before him for the Purpose, that he had known Merchants hire Lodgings for Officers, and pay for them, that he believed upon the Officers making Affidavits the Money had been paid to the Merchants by the Government, that the Revenues of the Corporation are disposed of without the Consent of the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred*; that *John Vincent* the Chamberlain never had accounted with the Corporation, the Council, or with any Body since the Time of his first being elected into that Office, that there was an Order made some Years ago by the Council, that he should account by a certain Day, but that said Order never was complied with or enforced, and that he never heard more of it, that he never knew that any Person was laid under any Restriction or Promise previous to his being admitted into the Common Council, that by the Corporation Books, it appears that the Chamberlain used formerly to account annually, and that he thought it the Duty of the Council to oblige the Chamberlain to account annually, that the Corporation Orders for Money are not regularly paid, that the Common Council Men are mostly the Lessees of the Corporation, that the Rents due to the Corporation are very badly paid, that he never paid any Rent himself, that the Corporation Orders are not paid in Course, that the Chamberlain gives the Preference to such as he pleases, that he believed there are several Corporation Orders of several Years standing, for Payment of which, many Applications have been made, and that the same are not yet paid, that he believed there was great Partiality in the Payment of Corporation Orders, that he thought it the Duty of the Council to put a stop to such partial Proceedings, that he attended but very seldom the Markets, as he had a very good Deputy upon whom he relied, that he did not swear his Deputy, that the Mayor and Common Council appoint a Deputy, that he does not know what Condition the Alms-House is in, that part of it was demised to *Richard Vincent*, that the same Number of Widows are now kept in it as formerly, that the Blue School is dropt, but did not believe it was occasioned by the Corporations not paying

ing the Salary, that he was in Council when the Two Thousand Pounds was ordered to be raised, that they went directly from the Council to the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred* to confirm that Act, that he believed Mr. *Maunsel* who was to lend that Money was advised the Confirmation of the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred* was necessary, and that he himself believed the Confirmation of the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred* was necessary, that the Nineteenth of *May*, Seventeen hundred and Forty nine, is not a usual Day for holding a Court of *D'Oyer Hundred*, that there was no previous Notice given of holding said Court for the Purpose of raising Two Thousand Pounds or any other Sum, that Alderman *Arthur Vincent* was at that Time Common Speaker, that he was not present at said Court, that he believed the raising of the said Two Thousand Pounds was not then assented to, that there was no Act done that Day at the said Court, that Alderman *Ingram* declared in *Key-lane* that the Mayor was Common Speaker, that he was in the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred* on *Monday* the Ninth of *October*, Seventeen hundred and Forty nine, when the Order for raising the said Two Thousand Pounds was agreed to, that he believed there was at that Time a great deal of Money due to the Corporation from their Tenants, but cannot say how much, that he believed the Citizens who opposed the raising the said Two Thousand Pounds, offered to concur in raising as much as should appear to be due from the Corporation upon a fair Balance after the Chamberlain should bring in his Accounts, that he did not remember the Common Speaker was present, that there was always a Common Speaker until the Death of *Arthur Vincent*, who he believed died in *April* last, that Alderman *Serjeant* resigned the Place of Common Speaker in Council, and that *Arthur Vincent* was elected in the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred* Common Speaker in his Place, that he believed the Common Speaker was always by the Custom of the City elected in the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred*, that the Mayor in the last Court of *D'Oyer Hundred* prevented the Citizens from electing a Common Speaker, tho' they demanded it, declaring that the Purpose for holding said Court, was only to cant the Gates as usual, that he knew *Frederick Gore*, *Zacharia Johnston* and *William Davis*, that they served the Office of Sheriffs honestly, that such Persons as serve in said Office are usually admitted into the Common Council, but sometimes not, that depending upon the Pleasure of the Council, that the said Gentle-

Gentlemen were not admitted into the Common Council tho' no Reason was assigned for rejecting them, that he is one of the Tenants of the Salmon Wier, that he purchased a Share from Mr. *Milner* about Four Years ago, that he never paid any Rent out of it, but received about Twenty Pounds, that he believed there had been several Extortions at the Gates and in the Markets, but to the best of his Judgment they have always been redressed when complained of, that he believed the Toll-gatherers are not intitled to Two-pence for a Pig, that he did not understand the Tolls nor did he trouble his Head about them, except upon Complaints, he sent for the old Toll-gatherers, and informed himself of the Custom from them, that the said Toll-gatherers were frequently concerned in farming the Tolls themselves, that he was obliged to call upon them, though concerned in Interest, as there was no other Persons from whom he could receive Information, that such Complaints were always relative to Articles not comprized in either of the Schedules, that the Citizens commenced a Suit against the Person who extorted Two-pence for each Pig, that he directed an Attorney to defend said Suit, at the Expence of the Corporation, that he thought Two-pence was too much for a Pig, but he was not of that Opinion when the Complaint was made. That this particular Toll was not demised to the Toll-gatherers; but the Tolls were then demised to them in general, according to the Custom. That Defence was taken to the said Suit by his Directions, and not by Order of the Council, tho' he was not Mayor at the Time, that he believed if the Tolls had been collected in the Year Fifty three, by the same Rule they were collected in the Year Twenty four, the Toll-gatherers could not have afforded to rent them at Fourteen hundred and eighty Pounds *per* Year. That the Cocket Duties was not set in the Year Twenty four, that he believed that the Toll-gatherers did not in the Year Fifty three, nor do they at present collect the Tolls by the same Rule they did in the Year Twenty four, that he believed the Office of Pilot required Care and Judgment, that his Son a Boy at School about Nine Years old, was in the Year Forty Four appointed Pilot for Life by the Council, that he himself was then Mayor, and that said Appointment was upon his Motion, and that he himself tho' Mayor, was elected Town Clerk in the same Year upon the Death of his Brother. That the Office of Pilot is worth about Twenty Pounds *per* Year, that he sold it
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for Eighty Pounds when his Son grew up. That his Son signed a Resignation, and he recommended Mr. Goff to the Council having received Eighty Pounds from him, and the Council appointed said Goff Pilot. That he employed *Henry Constable* to act as Pilot during the Time his Son had the said Office, and there were no complaints against him, that he got Three Shillings and Four Pence from every Ship, but the Pilot took what he could get and made the best Bargain he could for himself. That there are several unskilful Persons who act as Pilots, that he apprehended the Person appointed Pilot by the Corporation was intitled to the said Three Shillings and Four Pence from every Ship going downwards, that the Pilotage upwards together with *Scattery Islands*, was demised by the Corporation, and that every Ship pays for the same Three Shillings and Four pence.

Your Committee find an Entry in the Corporation Books dated the Twentieth of *February*, One thousand seven hundred and forty seven, by which it appears, that the Lands of *Latulla* were then in Lease to *Hester Monsel* for a Term of Years, three of which were to run from the Twenty fifth of *March* next ensuing the Date of the said Entry, and that an Arrear of Fifty Pounds was due thereout, and that it was ordered by the said Common Council, that Alderman *Arthur Roche* to whom a Reversionary Lease of said Premises was granted, should treat with such Person as was intitled to said Interest upon such Terms as he should think fit, and that he should be empowered to accept of the Surrender, and to give a Receipt in full for all Arrears of Rent to the Twenty fifth of *March* following, and that the said *Arthur Roche* should hold the said Lands for the said Term of Three Years at the same Rent which was reserved upon the old Lease; and the said *Arthur Roche* being further examined, say'd he believed he accordingly received a Surrender of the said Lands of *Latulla*, that he forgave the Arrear of Rent due from the former Tenant to the Corporation, that he did not pay any thing for the said Surrender, that he never paid any part of the said Rent during the said three Years, that he believed the said Rent was Twelve Pounds *per* Year, that the Town Clerks Office is Annual, but they are generally continued if they behave well, that they are approved of Annually by the Privy Council, that he has made a Hundred Pounds a Year of said Office, that he sold the said

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Office to Mr. *Hallam* for Four Hundred Pounds, and that he believed no Citizen of *Limerick* could now get a lucrative Office without his Consent, or any Person be admitted an Alderman, Burgefs, or Freeman of the faid City, without his Consent, that his Influence proceeds from the Friendship which the People of the City had for him, that upon Complaints he feveral Times ordered the Toll-gatherers to refund the Money they had taken, but never otherwife punifhed them, he alfo fayd that part of the Two Thousand Pounds borrowed upon the Mortgage of the Salmon Wyer was applied to difcharge the Expences of a Suit relative to the Mayoralty which were incurr'd fubfequent to the raifing the faid Two Thousand Pounds, He fayd likewise he was prefent at the Pye Powder Court herein after mentioned, and joined in the Proccedings of the faid Court.

The Reverend Dean *Maffy* being examined, fayd, that Doctor *Jeremiah Hall* by his Will left an Eftate in Houfes of the Value of above Two Hundred Pounds a Year to Three Trustees for feveral charitable Ufes mentioned in his Will, that he appointed the Bifhop, the Dean, the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Recorder for the Time being, Overfeers of the Charity, that the Mayoralty Houfe is Part of the Eftate belonging to the Charity, and is fubject to a Rent of Thirty two Shillings and Ten pence, that in Seventeen Hundred and Forty nine there were Four Years Rent due to the Poor, that he applied frequently to the Chamberlain to pay the faid Arrear, but he told him he was already confiderably in Advance to the Corporation, and could not pay it, that he offered to advance as much as was then neceffary to fupport the Poor, provided the Chamberlain would promife to pay it in a reasonable Time, that Mr. *Nixon* the Heir of the furviving Trustees was made acquainted with the Affair, and an Ejectment was brought in his Name for Non-payment of Rent, the Record was carried down to be tried in Spring Affizes, Seventeen Hundred and Forty nine, a Jury was impannelled and the Agent for the Corporation challenged every Freeholder who was a Freeman, fo that no Tryal could be had, that on the Nineteenth Day of *May*, Seventeen Hundred and Forty nine, the Council made an Order for raifing Two Thousand Pounds by Mortgage on the Salmon Wyer, and immediately on the fame Day proceeded from the Council Chamber to the Court Houfe, that he and feveral of the Freemen follow-

followed them, that they were scarce seated, when he and the Freemen got into the Court, that they rose up immediately and sayd all agreed, all agreed, that he the Dean declared his Dissent in his own Name and in the Name of his Fellow Citizens to any Thing which might be done in that pretended Court, because no due Notice was given of holding said Court, and because the Common Speaker was absent; Alderman *Ingram* declared the Mayor was Common Speaker, and that he was present, that he the Dean replied that there was an End to their Liberties, and so the Assembly broke up, that Mr. *Maunsel* would not lend his Money upon such Securities, that he on Behalf of the Citizens proposd to Mr. *Jones* the Mayor and to *Arthur Roche* to join in raising the Money provided they would shew it was really and *bona fide* due from the Corporation, and also proposd to confirm the Leases which had been made by the Council, provided they would restore the Citizens to their Rights and Privileges under their Charters, and redress the Grievances under which they laboured, that they rejected his Proposal with Scorn, that the Grievances under which the Citizens laboured mostly at that Time were as follow; the unequal quartering of Soldiers, the rateing some particular Citizens in an extraordinary Manner more than others, especially such as dared to complain of their Grievances, their Abuse of the Power granted them by the Lamp Act, the not paying the poor Widows belonging to the Alms-House, and turning them entirely out of the Alms-House, the exorbitant Tolls exacted at the Gates, Markets and Quay, and the Filth and Dirt permitted to lie in the Streets, Lanes, Quays, and Docks, that he has been frequently present when Complaints have been made, to the severall Magistrates upon Account of the exorbitant Demands for Toll and Gateage, that in the Year Seventeen hundred and Forty, and from thence to Seventeen hundred and Forty five, Complaints were generally redressed, but from that Time to the present, he never heard of any one Person being redressed, that the Linen-Board granted to the Corporation a Spinning School, and a Number of Wheels, Reels, and Looms, that the Council turned the Widows out of the Alms House, and set up the Looms there, how long they continued there he could not say or what became of them, but heard they were permitted to go to rack, that the Council made a Lease of part of the Alms-House and Garden thereunto belonging to Mr. *Richard Vincent*, Burgees, that he is well assured

Tolls of the Gates, and in the Markets of the City, have been collected for several Years past. And your Committee find, that the said Paper contains the said Schedule agreed upon in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-three, and also an additional Schedule; and your Committee find at the Bottom of the said Paper the following Words. “ Any
 “ Thing herein omitted, the Custom to be regulated by the
 “ Mayor for the Time being.”

Your Committee find, that several Disputes having arisen between the Inhabitants and the Toll-Gatherers of the City concerning the Tolls of Commodities mentioned in the said additional Schedule, and several Commodities not included in either of the said Schedules, an Agreement in Writing was entered into between *Arthur Roche*, Mayor of the said City, and *John Vincent*, Chamberlain, and several of the said Citizens, which bears Date the Fourth of *September*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-one, whereby it was agreed, that all the disputed Tolls and Duties should be collected and accounted for Weekly, upon Oath before the said *John Vincent*, and deposited with him, and to remain in his Hands until the Right of the Corporation to such Tolls and Duties should be determined in a Course of Justice, and the said *John Vincent* thereby engaged to keep the said Sums in his Hands until the Right to the same should be determined as aforesaid.

Your Committee find an Entry in the Council Books wherein the Act of the Thirty-first of his late Majesty, directing that the Toll of all Grain should be taken by Weight, and not by Measure, is recited, and wherein it is also recited, that the Toll of Corn hath hitherto been taken in the Market of the City by Measure, being an Ale Quart for each *Winchester* Barrel containing four Bushels, and that it was then become necessary to adjust the Weight of the Toll of Corn and Grain to be taken in the Market, and an Experiment had been made for the Purpose, It was therefore ordered and directed, that the Toll-gatherers should for the future collect and take out of every Barrel of Wheat containing four Bushels, one Pound nine Ounces, and out of every of the like Barrel of Oats fifteen Ounces, and that proper Weights and Scales should be prepared for the Purpose.

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John Geeran being examined, sayd, he farmed *Thomond-Gate* and the Tolls of the Market last Year and the Year before, that *Thomas Ward* and *John Glynn* were his Partners, that in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-nine, Alderman *Francis Sarjent* was Mayor, and that at the Cant of the Gates and Markets in the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred* the Mayor sent for the Sheebeen, which is a Measure for taking the Toll of Corn, that he ordered as much Wheat as it contained to be weighed, and it produced Three Pounds Twelve Ounces, that he then declared, that Three Pounds Twelve Ounces were to be taken out of every *Bristol* Barrel or four Bushels of Wheat, that the other Magistrates present sayd, it was all right, that accordingly he and his other Partners took Three Pounds Twelve Ounces during that Year out of every *Bristol* Barrel of Wheat, and that they took out of all other Corn the Sheebeen, which held, as he believed, about two Quarts. That at the last Court of *D'Oyer Hundred*, at the canting of the Tolls, *Arthur Roche*, who was then Mayor, directed that the Tolls should be taken as the Year before, that he accordingly took the Tolls in the same Manner for three Quarters of the said Year, but was stopped during the last Quarter, that he was ordered by the Mayor to take the Toll of Wheat by Weight, but not of any other Grain, that Wheat only was weighed in the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred*, and not any other Grain; that he gave Directions to *Thomas O Hallam*, Pewterer, to make a new Sheebeen that would hold three Pounds twelve Ounces, which the old Sheebeen would not, that he had the old Sheebeen which was the same which was made Use of in the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred*, and that the Mayor finding the Contents of it would not weigh three Pounds twelve Ounces, sent for more Wheat and put into the Scale, as much as made up three Pounds twelve Ounces, and sayd, that was the Weight to be taken; that the Mayor did not direct him to get a new Sheebeen made, that he took the Toll of Wheat only by the new Sheebeen, but of all other Corn by the old Sheebeen, and that he took the Tolls of Wheat in the Presence of the Clerk of the Market and of the Mayor.

Thomas Ward being examined, agreed in every Particular with *John Geeran* in his Testimony, and likewise sayd, that he took at the Gates two Pence apiece for dead Pigs, that is one Penny
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for the Gate and one Penny for the Market, that he took the same on all other Days as well as Market Days; that the Brewers paid for Gateage twenty Shillings a Year from the Suburbs to the City; that a Basket of five or six Pounds of Butter paid a Penny upon every Market Day, and a Half-penny on every other Day; that as to Goods not contained in either of the Schedules, they rated them according to the Size and Value, generally about Four Pence a Horse Load, that he received said Tolls by the Directions of the Mayor for the Time being, that he rated said Goods according to his own Discretion, there being no set Rule to go by, that he was several Times summoned before the Mayor for demanding too much for Things not contained in either of the Schedules, and that the Mayor generally determined in his Favour.

John Geeran being again examined, sayd, he lately saw Mr. *John Smith*, Clerk of the Market, take the Sheebien Measure out of Oats, Barley, and Potatoes.

John Smith, Burgefs, being examined, sayd, he was appointed to inspect the Collection of the Tolls and Customs by the Common Council without any Salary; that he has collected the Tolls for Commodities comprized in the Schedules according to the Schedules, and for the Commodities that are not comprized in the Schedules according to antient Custom; that the Articles not comprized in the Schedules are so many he cannot recollect them; that there are no certain Rules of Custom except for some particular Things, that he has been but a short Time concerned in the Tolls, that he collected them by Servants, and did not know what the antient Tolls were, that he believed the Toll-Gatherers had taken for dead Pigs upon Market Days Two Pence, but that since he has been concerned they have taken only one Half-penny; that he was appointed by the Mayor about two Months ago to inspect the Whole, and to receive the Tolls at *John's-Gate*, that he never received three Pounds twelve Ounces out of a *Bristol* Barrel of Wheat, nor did any other Person by his Directions, but believed other Persons did, that he stopt *Glinn* from receiving three Pounds twelve Ounces, that he got a *Winchester* Quart and weighed the Contents, and took according to the Weight, which as to Wheat was two Pounds one or two Ounces, that to prevent Delays he took Toll by the *Winchester* Measure,

Measure, and not by Weight, though he believed he was present in Council when the Order was made to take by Weight; that he was Clerk of the Market, and believed it was his Duty to rectify any Abuses in the Collection of the Tolls, that he heard it complained of that the Persons appointed to weigh the Corn refused to weigh more than one Bag at a Time, and believed it was done in order to raise the Expence of weighing; that he was bound for one *Carthy* who farmed the Tolls, and that they were taken in that Man's Name and his; that the Shambles have been well regulated by him according to the best of his Skill, that the Mayors have gone to the Markets regularly, that the Assize of the Bread was the same the whole last Year, there being no considerable Variation in the Price of Corn; that he has a Salary of Twenty-five Pounds a Year as Clerk of the Markets, that he was not sworn as Clerk of the Market, that the Streets have been kept cleaner these six Years past than ever they were; that he is Scavenger at sixty Pounds a Year for the *Irish* Town only, and received the whole of that Salary; that Mr. *Hallam* has a Salary of Eighty-two Pounds a Year as Scavenger for the *English* Town; that he had by his own Authority set the Custom of Turf at *Pennywell* Road, at the Quay, and at *Mardyke*, for a Year, that the Notes for the same are payable Quarterly, and to the Chamberlain; that he had no Authority but from the Council; that he believed the Custom for Turf had been for some Time not taken at the Quay; that he took the *Winchester* Quart out of Oats; that the Back Lanes are not kept clean.

John Smith being further examined, admitted he had notice of the said Agreement of the Fourth of *September*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One, and that he never accounted with any Person upon Oath, or otherwise, for the Tolls he had received; that in about a Week or Ten Days after the said Agreement, he tendered the whole Money he received to Mr. *John Vincent*, and he directed him to pay the same to Mr. *Edward Tierney*, in part Payment of *James Foot's* Bond, who was one of the Farmers of the Gates, which he accordingly did; that *James Foot*, about Five Weeks before his last Quarter expired, had been disturbed in the Receipt of the Tolls, and thereupon gave them up to the Mayor, and sayd, he would be no longer concerned; that Mr. *Vincent* had pas-

sed *Foot's* Bond to Mr. *Tierney*, and directed him to pay the said Money to Mr. *Tierney* in Part discharge of said Bond, as also such future Sums as he should receive, and that he accordingly paid all he had received to Mr. *Tierney*, but that he took no Receipts for the same, the said Payments being indorsed upon the said Bond, that no separate Accounts of said disputed Tolls, had been kept by him or any other Person to his Knowledge.

Mr. *John Vincent* being examined, as to this Point admitted, that the above Writing, had been executed by him, that he did not recollect, that Mr. *John Smyth* ever offered to account with him for, or pay him any Part of the said Money; that Mr. *Smyth* did offer to pay him some Money, which he took to be Money collected at the *Gates*, which was not comprized in the said Agreement, that said Tender was made to him about a Fortnight after the said Agreement; that Mr. *Smyth* asked him, who had *James Foot's* Bond, he answered, if it was *John's Gate* Bond, it was *Edward Tierney*, Mr. *Smyth* then told him he had some Money to pay for it, upon which he desired him to go and pay it to the Person who had the Bond, that he did not recollect that there was any other Conversation between them, or that he ever directed him to pay the future Receipts in discharge of said Bond, if he had asked him whether he should pay the future Receipts, in discharge of said Bond, he would have directed him to do so, except such part of the Money as was included in the said Agreement. That the *Saturday* after he signed the said Agreement, he asked Mr. *Smyth*, if there was any Money to be paid him according to said Agreement, he answered that the Men were making up an Account of it, which he would bring him in a Day or two, that in a very few Days after, he brought some Men with him, and sayd, it was to give him that Account, that the Men took out some Papers which he could make nothing of, that he directed them how to make up the Account and to swear to it; they sayd, they would, but he did not remember he ever saw them after; that Mr. *Smyth* never made up any Account with him concerning that Money, and that he never after applied to Mr. *Smyth* for the Purpose, or to get any Part of said Money from him.

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Mr. *John Maunsel* being examined, sayd, he was employed by the Mayor and Council, as Scavenger of the *Irish Town* for a Year, from the Twenty Ninth of *September*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty, to the Twenty Ninth of *September*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty One, at Thirty Five Pounds Salary, that he executed that Office better than ever it has been executed since, except the Year following, that he never has been paid one Farthing of his said Salary; that he applied to *Arthur Roche* once to be paid, he desired him to apply to the Chamberlain, which he did, and he promised that he should be paid the *Monday* after *Michaelmas*; that he has applied to the said Chamberlain in the same Manner every Year since, that he has received the same Answer, and never has been paid any Part of the said Sum, that the Streets and Lanes of the City have for these Six Years past, been kept in very bad Order, that he was present at a Conversation between Mr. *John Smyth* and Mr. *O Donnell*, concerning the Tolls at the Markets, that Mr. *O Donnell* sayd, he was surprized, that Mr. *Smyth* would take any more Toll than what was warranted by the Parliamentary Schedule, that Mr. *Smyth* answer'd, he would take Three Pounds Twelve Ounces out of every Twenty Stones Weight of Wheat.

John O Donnell being examined, confirmed the above Account, as to the Conversation between him and Mr. *Smyth*, and sayd, he saw the said *Smyth* after the said Conversation between them, take Three Pounds Twelve Ounces out of every Twenty Stones Weight of Wheat in the Market, that the Back Lanes of the City have been almost impassable for Six Years last past, and that the Streets have been kept very dirty, that Two Pence has been taken Toll and Gateage for every live and dead Pig, that he made Complaints of it to the Mayor; that upon the first Complaint, the Mayor ordered Thre Half-pence to be returned, and sayd, he would consult Council the next Day upon it, that on the Fifth of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Nine, which was a Day or two after, *Edmond Fennell* summoned the Custom Man at *John's Gate*, before *Sexton Baylie*, who was then Mayor, for taking from him Two-pence each, for the Toll of Fifty Pigs; that the said Mayor refused to order the Money to be returned, alledging he was not to be governed by the Schedule or him; that he

was refused by the Mayor and Town Clerk, Permission to inspect the Corporation Books, tho' he applied for the same, at the Desire of a great Body of the Citizens, and though he is a Freeman of the said City ; that he made a Complaint to *Arthur Roche* when Mayor ; that the Toll-Gatherers took from a poor Woman for Seven Pounds of fresh Butter, One Half-penny Gateage, and One Half-penny Standing, that the Mayor refused to redress the Complaint, declaring it was no more than the just Toll, that he was in the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred*, on the Nineteenth of *October* last, that the Mayor was required to put the Question upon several Resolutions which had passed the Council, and particularly the Vote of Credit, but the Mayor refused, and likewise refused to let a Common Speaker be chosen, that the Lands let to *Arthur Roche* by the Corporation, are worth 300*l.* a Year ; the Lands demised to Mr. *Ingram*, were worth at the Time of the Demise 70*l.* a Year ; that *Parteen* Causeway is a bad Causeway ; that the Tide at Springs overflows it, and it is dangerous, that he has heard and believes that the Lands granted by the Earl of *Thomond* for keeping said Causeway in Repair, contain about Forty Acres, that they are about a Quarter of a Mile distant from the City of *Limerick*, and are worth Two Guineas an Acre.

Alderman *Francis Sarjent* being examined, sayd, he was Mayor for the Year commencing *Michaelmas*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Nine, that at the Canting at the Gates and Tolls, the Deputy Clerk of the Markets, *John Smyth*, gave him a Paper which he sayd, he got from his Predecessor, Mr. *Baylie*, giving an Account of the Weight to be taken out of each Quarter or *Limerick* Barrel of Corn, upon which (he sayd) he read the Paper, but being asked by your Committee, whether he had the Paper, he sayd, he had it not, that he lost it upon removing out of the Mayoralty House, that when he read the Paper aloud in the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred*, he declared that Three Pounds Twelve Ounces was to be taken out of each Quarter of Wheat ; that he did not recollect what Quantity he directed to be taken out of any other Kind of Grain ; that he believed he was asked whether it was out of the *Bristol* or *Winchester* Barrel, and he answered that it was out of the *Limerick* Barrel or Quarter, that he did not recollect, that any thing farther passed upon the Subject, but afterwards he sayd, he did recollect, that to the best of his

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Memory he told them, that the Toll of the Gate was One Half-penny for every Twenty Stone of Wheat, and that he was informed that if a Bag weighed Thirty Stones, it should pay Three Farthings, that there were Scales brought in to the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred*, he believed by his Directions, but he did not remember whether he gave such Directions before he went into Court or after, or who brought said Scales into Court, that he believed, he by the Advice of the Clerk of the Markets, directed some Wheat to be brought into Court, and that such Advice was given to him before he came into Court, that he directed Three Pounds Twelve Ounces of Wheat to be weighed in the Court, that he did not understand the Subject, but was intirely directed by the Clerk of the Markets, that he had no Reason whatsoever to direct three Pounds twelve Ounces of Wheat to be weighed in Court, being intirely ignorant of the Subject, but that Mr. *Smith*, the Clerk of the Markets, desired him to do it, that he had the Paper which he read in the Court-house pinned up in his Office in the Mayoralty-House, that he was positive he read it once after he left the Court-House, but was not that he read it more than once, that he believed he might have read it several Times, but did not recollect that he did, that he did not recollect upon what Occasion or for what Purpose he read it, or at what Time he read it, except that it was during the Time he was in the Mayoralty-House, that he believed that the Toll-Gatherers took three Pounds twelve Ounces out of each *Bristol* Barrel of Wheat, but no Complaint was made of it to him, during his Mayoralty; that the Mayor for the Time being, is Clerk of the Markets; that Mr. *John Smith* has been for several Years last past, Deputy Clerk of the Markets; that he believed there have been great Frauds committed in the Markets; that he visited the Meat-market every Week; that he has often seen blown Meat exposed to Sale there, and also good Meat; that he never saw Veal there that was not blown; that he believed, there has been some blown Meat in the Market every Day in the Year, but that during his Mayoralty, he seized or cut all that was blown; that he had argued with the Deputy Clerk of the Markets, insisting upon it, that Meat was blown, and he insisted it was not; that he believed the Deputy Clerk of the Market did not do his Duty in taking up blown Meat, that he did not believe either the late Mayor or his Deputy, did their Duty as Clerks of

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the Markets, that he could not say as to his Knowledge or Belief, whether the Assize of Bread was varied during the last Mayoralty, but believed there was a Variation of one Penny a Stone in the Price of Wheat during that Time, that the Streets and Lanes except one had been kept very dirty, that the Market-House and Tholsel are in a bad Condition, that the Court-House is down, that the Goal is not fit to hold Prisoners, that large Sums have been raised on the Public for rebuilding it, that he saw the late Mayor in the Market but once during his Mayoralty, that he believed Two-pence had been taken for Toll and Custom for live Pigs, that there was a Suit commenced about one of them, and he believed the Expence of the Suit was borne by the Council out of the City Revenue, that the Piazza under the Goal is turned to a Stable, that the present Post-Office was, as he heard and believed, Part of the Alms-House, and that Part of the Ground belonging to the Alms-House had been set to *Richara Vincent* by the Council, and he sayd he believed it was above twenty Years since the Estate of the Corporation had been perambulated.

Thomas Alley, Vintner, being examined, sayd, he was present in the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred* when the Gates and Markets were canted in the Mayoralty of Alderman *Francis Sarjent*, that he heard Mr. *Sarjent* publickly in the said Court direct the Toll-Gatherers to take three Pounds twelve Ounces out of every twenty Stones Weight of Wheat, and so in Proportion out of every other Grain, that he heard Mr. *John Smith* give the same Directions, that he heard the Mayor and Mr. *Smith* declare that they would support the Toll-Gatherers in taking such Tolls, and sayd that the Toll-Gatherers had not taken their Due for some Time before, he also sayd that 63 *l.* was raised upon the Public for repairing the Court-House a little before it was pulled down, that 60 *l.* was raised upon the Public for bringing Water from *Monegelagh Bog*, and it was applied in draining said Bog, which belongs to *Arthur Roche*, and turning the said Water from the City.

Mitchell Bennis Sadler being examined, sayd, he was present at the Time the Gates and Markets were canted in the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred*, when Alderman *Francis Sarjent* was Mayor, that he heard the Mayor direct that Three Pounds Twelve Ounces should be taken out of every *Winchester* Barrel of Wheat,

Wheat, that the Mayor and Mr. *Smith* declared, that the Custom Men had not taken their Due, and directed them to take as above, that he tried the Weight of the Contents of the Sheebeen, and it weighed Three Pounds Twelve Ounces, that the Sheebeen was always used for the *Bristol* Barrel, and not for the large Barrel, and the said *Mitchell Bennis* produced to your Committee a Sheebeen which he sayd he often saw made use of in the Market of *Limerick*, (and the Contents of it in Wheat were weighed Strike Measure before your Committee, and the same weighed Four Pounds Two Ounces) that the said Measure was taken out of a *Bristol* Barrel, and better than Strike-measure, that the Toll of Oats and Barley was taken by the same Measure, that he was pretty often in the Markets, that he saw them take the Toll in that Manner about Three Months ago, and about Two Years before, that from the Time that Alderman *Francis Sarjent* was Mayor, that the Toll-Gatherers likewise made use of a Copper Sheebeen of nearly the same Size, for he measured both, that the Copper one was rather less when the Measure was struck, but more when heaped, which was their Method of taking the Toll, as it had a larger and wider Mouth.

Mr. *Hercules Browning* being examined, sayd, he saw the same kind of Measure taken mostly heaped out of each Bag of Wheat, which Bag usually held the *Bristol* Barrel, that he saw the Toll-Gatherers take it one Day out of Twenty Bags, that he saw the same done about Three Months ago.

Several other Witnesses were examined before your Committee, who proved that the Streets and Back Lanes of the City have been kept in a very dirty bad Condition, that the Court-House is down, that the Tholsel is in a dangerous Condition, that the Goal is not fit for the Reception of Prisoners, that the Market-House has been a considerable Time in a very bad Condition, and that there is generally a considerable Quantity of bad Meat in the Markets, but Alderman *Andrew Shepherd* who appeared and acted as Agent before your Committee, for the Mayor and Common Council in order to save your Committee the Trouble of examining any other Witnesses, to the Proof of the said Facts, admitted that the same were all true.

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Mr. *John Jackson* being examined, sayd, he was in the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred* when Alderman *Francis Sargent*, (who was then Mayor) and *John Smith*, directed the Toll-Gatherers to take out of each *Winchester* Barrel of Wheat three Pounds twelve Ounces; that he had seen a large and a small Sheebeen made use of in the Markets, that he once objected to the large Sheebeen, which held above three Quarts, that the Toll-Gatherer immediately put it under his Coat and run away; that he is a Quaker and was a Shopkeeper, that he had eight Soldiers quartered on him by Alderman *Andrew Shepherd* at the Time he was Mayor, that he applied to the said Mayor for Redress, and the Mayor told him, if he did not like it, he would send more to him; that there were at that Time only a Company and an Half to be quartered; that the Soldiers told him they were taken out of the Barrack in order to be quartered on him, that he imagined the Mayor-quartered said Soldiers upon him out of Ill-will, for his not being satisfied with his the said Mayor's Determination in a Case which he brought before him; that he believed there was Room to spare at that Time in the Barracks, and that the same Men are often quartered at the same Time upon different Persons, but sayd he did not believe it was the Fault of the Magistrate. Alderman *Shepherd* having desired that the said Witnesses might be asked whether he had determined the said Case honestly, the Witnesses answered he believed he had not.

John Bourke having been examined, sayd, he was employed under *Thomas Farquebar* who farmed the Scales, that he saw a Sheebeen which held two Ale Quarts made use of in the Markets, that he measured it himself and carried it to Alderman *Francis Sargent*, who was then Mayor, and shewed it to him, that the Mayor took it from him, and told him they must not take by Measure but by Weight, that the next Morning a large Pair of Scales were sent to the Gate, and seven Pounds, in order to take that Weight out of every two Bags, which contained two *Bristol* Barrels, that he saw the Toll taken accordingly, that he told the Mayor the Name of the Person who made use of the large Sheebeen, that he never heard that the Mayor punished him; that when *Arthur Roche* was last Mayor, he saw a large Sheebeen, which they called a Pudding-Pan made use of by the Toll-Gatherers, he believed the same contained three Quarts, that he saw them take Toll by it,
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that he complained to the Mayor, and the Mayor said nothing to him.

James Foot being examined, sayd, he farmed the Gates for five or six Years, that he collected the Tolls according to the two printed Schedules, except for slaughtered Pigs, for which one Penny Gateage and one Penny for the Markets were received; that he never took the Toll of any Goods as dry Goods; that he lately demanded for the Custom of two Horse Loads of Scythes and Reaping-Hooks belonging to Mr. *O'Sullivan*, at the Rate of one Penny *per* Dozen, but cannot recollect how much the same amounted to, that there have been several Complaints for several Years past of the exorbitant Tolls taken at the Gates and in the Markets, that when any Person complained to the Mayor, and particularly to *Arthur Roche*, he was always redressed, that said *Roche* rather leaned upon the Toll-Gatherer than the Farmer, that said *Roche* and he farmed the Gate of the *Irish Town* for one Year, that said *Roche* canted the Gates in order to raise the Tolls, that he gave him Directions to be very exact, that there should be no Complaints, that he gave up the Customs last Year as three Parts of what used to be allowed were cut off by the said *Roche*, who was Mayor, that the former Customs were taken by him by Directions of the Magistrates, that in the Year said *Roche* was concerned in the Tolls there was an Abatement made him of between sixty and seventy Pounds on account of the Camp, that such Abatement was not made him by any Order of the Council, but the Mayor and several of the Council ordered his Bonds to be delivered up, that said *Roche* was a Magistrate of the City during the Year he was concerned in the Tolls, that he took one Penny a Horse-load for Potatoes, but the Mayor directed him to take only one Half-penny, that he always before took one Penny if he thought it contained a Barrel.

Paul O'Sullivan being examined, sayd, he was obliged to pay at the Gates Custom one Penny a Dozen for Reaping Hooks, that an ordinary Horse carries from Eighty to One hundred Dozen, that he deals in Groceries, that he paid formerly for each Cask of Sugar or Molasses, let the Size be what it might, Four Pence, but has been obliged within these three or four Years past to pay six Pence; that Soldiers have been quartered on him in great Abundance when the Barracks

were full and more than upon his Neighbours, that he had eight Men quartered upon him for four Months together, that a Doctor's Mate was quartered upon him by *Arthur Roche* for fourteen Months, and during that time he had twenty Men quartered on him off and on, but not at one time.

Alderman *John Wight* being examined, sayd, that in the Year, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty One, when he was Mayor, several Merchants complained to him of Abuses in the Collection of the Tolls and Duties on several Articles not comprised in the parliamentary Schedule, but which they sayd were collected under the Pretence of antient Custom and Usage, that they told him it would be very proper to have a select Meeting of some of the Corporation and some of the Merchants, in order to fix the Rates that should be paid upon Articles not contained in the said Schedule, that there was a Meeting accordingly of half a Dozen or half a Score Persons on each Side at the Tavern, and they agreed upon the supplementary Schedule, and desired it might be printed and posted up in all the publick Places, which was accordingly done by him, that he did not recollect who appointed said Persons on Behalf of the Corporation, but believed he did, that he did not recollect who appointed the Merchants, that the Merchants were *John Roche*, *Pierce Arthur*, *John Creagh*, *Richard Harrold*, all deceased, and *John Kelly*, who he believed was upwards of Eighty Years Old, that he could form no Belief whether he was able to travel, that he could not say whether said Schedule was approved of by the Council, that the Words at the Bottom of the Schedule were printed by his Directions, that *Parteen Causeway* is in a safe, tho' rough Condition, that since his Memory it had been kept in Repair by the Corporation, that it is the general received Opinion that the Lands of *Monebrabar* were granted to the Corporation by One of the Earls of *Thomond*, for keeping said Causeway in Repair, that he is Tenant to said Lands and believed they contained Eighty Five Acres, that his Rent is Five Pounds Five Shillings, that he believed they are now worth Two Guineas an Acre, that when he took the Lease they were worth from One Guinea to Thirty Shillings an Acre, that at that Time there was an Arrear of Rent due from him to the Corporation, but he could not say how much it was, as he had some Demand on the Corporation, that he laid out

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above 500*l.* in improving the said Lands, that he held the same from One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Four to One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Six, under a Lease made to his Father at 21*l.* a Year Rent, that other Lands which he now holds at Five Pounds a Year Rent, were included in said Lease, that he pays now in the whole 10*l.* 10*s.* a Year Rent, that he did not recollect that he himself ever paid any Rent out of said Lands to the Corporation, but believed his Tenant Mr. *Jessop* paid for him 42*l.* to Mr. *Vincent* about fifteen Years ago, that he never made any Payment under his present Lease, that he had a large Demand to the Corporation for Money due to his Father, and some Orders of Council, that the Account never was settled, nor did he ever apply to have it settled, nor was he ever applied to for the Rent as he remembered, that there have been many Complaints made for some Years past, and he believed justly against the Toll-Gatherers to the chief Magistrate, that he himself did redress two Women, and drove the Toll-Gatherers thro' the Town at a Cart's Tail, that he never knew any Magistrate refuse to redress any Complaint, that the usual Way of quartering Soldiers is to put them first upon the Brewers, Inns, Ale-sellers, Butchers and Bakers, and then upon the Popish Merchants and Inhabitants, that Mr. *Graves* had frequently Officers quartered on him, but never Soldiers, could not form a Belief whether said *Graves* had Persons quartered on him equally with others, as to Goods not mentioned in either Schedule, the Toll was taken for them according to the antient Custom, and the Mayor determined what that Custom was, that he could not name any one Article not included in the Schedules, and say what ought to be paid for it by ancient Custom, that he did not know whether there was any certain settled Rule for taking Toll upon Things not included in the Schedules, nor did he know what any of those antient Customs were, that when any Thing of that Sort came before him, he consulted the former Mayor and the Farmers of the Revenue, and determined according to their Opinion, that he did not believe there was any one Person who had been Mayor could tell what the Custom was relative to any one Article not contained in the Schedules, that he could not recollect that any of the Public Revenue had been laid out for twenty Years past upon any public Work, except repairing the Market House and Exchange.

James M'Nemara, Clerk to *Richard Harrold*, Brewer and Tanner, being examined, sayd, that raw Hides which were brought to his Master's House in the Suburbs, paid Toll, tho' they did not pass thro' the Gates, and paid Toll again when going into the City tanned, that his Master is obliged to pay for every *Bristol* Barrel of Barley delivered at his House two Pounds five Ounces, and likewise twenty Shillings a Year for sending Drink into the City, that an Ale Quart of Barley weighs a Pound and Half an Ounce, and he laid an Account before your Committee of the Sums he sayd his Master was obliged to pay for quartering of Soldiers from the First of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Seven, to the First of *November*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One, which amounted to 48*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* and sayd that his Master was obliged to pay besides for Men upon their March.

The said *Richard Harrold* being examined, confirmed in every Particular the said Evidence given by his Clerk, and sayd, that there was a very partial Distribution of Soldiers in Quarters, and that he had Soldiers quartered on him during the Time of the Camp, that he applied last Year to *Arthur Roche* for Redress, and he told him he could not help it for that Time, but that for the Remainder of the Year he should have none, that in a little Time after he had twelve Men quartered on him, that he complained but was not redressed.

Mr. *John Norris* being examined, sayd, he was Clerk to Mr. *Harrold* when he first erected his Brewery, that in One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Four, or One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Five, which was about four Years after the Toll-Gatherers first demanded Gateage for Ale and Beer, that a Dispute arising thereupon, it was referred to Mr. *Hasset* the Recorder, who reported that there was twenty Shillings a Year paid in *Dublin* for each Dray by Brewers, upon which the Toll-Gatherers stopped Mr. *Harrold's* Dray, and he and Mr. *Harrold's* Servants forced into the Gate, for which they were indicted at a private Sessions, Mr. *Harrold* then submitted to pay twenty Shillings a Year, and believed he had paid it ever since, that he had been a House-keeper for twenty two Years, and never heard that

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Mr. *William Maunsel*, Merchant, sayd, he farmed the Tolls at the Quay about fifteen Years ago, that no Toll was taken at the Quay during his Time for Turf, that he never heard at that Time that the Corporation had any Right to it, that he would have taken it if he believed they had.

Patrick Sexton, Merchant, being examin'd, sayd, that he had four Soldiers quartered on him for several Months, during the time he was only a Lodger, and had but one Room in which he lay at Night, and which other People made use of by Day, that in *June* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Seven, during the time he had four Men quartered on him, a Serjeant brought him a Billet from *Arthur Roche*, Mayor, to quarter two Serjeants which he refused; in a Fort-night after the same Serjeant attended by a Mayor's Serjeant, demanded four Shillings from him for the said two Serjeants, and upon his refusing to pay it, the Mayor's Serjeant summoned him before the Mayor, the Mayor asked him whether he would not pay the Money, he sayd he would not, and hoped his Worship would consider of it, and think he was not obliged to quarter any Man, the Mayor then sayd he would commit him to Goal, and immediately ordered a Mayor's Serjeant to carry him to Goal, which he did, that he remained there Three Quarters of an Hour, that he believed that *Edmond Sexton* paid the Money, and he was then released, that the Night before this Transaction he had two Serjeants more quartered on him, but he refused to take them, that his Landlord had also Soldiers quartered on him.

Christopher Meade being Examined, sayd, he was a Woollen Draper, that he had Officers as well as Soldiers quartered upon him at different Times for upwards of Ten Years past, that he generally paid three Shillings a Week to each Officer, and from Ten-pence to Thirteen-pence for two Soldiers, that Mr. *David Roche* when he was Mayor, quartered one Lieutenant *Erskine* upon him at a time when he had four Soldiers quartered upon him, that he went to the Mayor and shewed him his Billet for four Soldiers, and requested that he would withdraw the Officer, the Mayor sayd he could not avoid it from

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the Number then in Town, that he told the Mayor it would be inconvenient for him to make up Lodgings for an Officer, but if he pleased he would provide for more Soldiers in his Place; but the Mayor insisted he should keep the Officer, upon which he agreed with the Officer to allow him Three Shillings and Three-pence a Week in lieu of his Lodgings, that immediately after the said Agreement, the Officer went to Winter in *Dublin*, and remained there three or four Months, that upon his return to *Limerick* he demanded Payment for the time he had been absent, that the Witness told him if he had remained in *Limerick* he would not have disputed Payment with him, upon which the Officer sayd, tho' he was not in Town himself, he must have Quarters for his Luggage, that to end the Matter, it was agreed to be submitted to the Mayor, that they went before the Mayor, and he determined against the Witness, and he was obliged to pay the whole Money to the Officer, That there is no doubt but there is a great deal of Partiality in quartering of Soldiers in the City, that the City Rates were not equally Apportioned upon the Inhabitants before the late Act, that he used to be constantly rated two Guineas, when Men in better Circumstances were rated but a Crown, that since the late Act he has been rated only half a Guinea, that he knew of several other Persons who were rated too high, and mentioned some of their Names, that he believed the said several Persons were not Favourites of the Corporation, that the Streets have been very ill lighted for six or seven Years past, that he pays Four-pence a Pack for Woolen Goods at the Gates, and Two-pence a Piece for Boxes, tho' on the same Horse, that he pays Six-pence Toll for each Boat of Turf.

John Jones, Barrack Master of *Limerick*, being examined, sayd, he had been in the said Office since the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Eight, that he knew that the Government always paid for the Lodgings of Officers who had not Room in the Barracks, that he did not know that any Soldiers had been taken out of the Barracks and quartered in the Town.

Richard Pitt being examined, sayd, he was a Distiller, and that he had both Officers and Soldiers quartered on him by the

the several Mayors, that he never was paid any thing by any of the Officers for Quarters except by two.

Thomas Burke being examined, sayd, he followed no business except buying Butter to sell again, that he has had Officers quartered on him, that he was obliged to pay Thirty-six Shillings at 4s. 4d. a Week for quartering a Captain at a time when he had no Room to put him in, that he offered him his own Bed, but he refused it, that Mr. *David Roche* the Mayor, sent a Serjeant to him and ordered him to pay the Money, that he complained to the Mayor, but the Mayor refused to redress him, and the Officer was continued on him.

Mr. *Thomas Roche* being examined, sayd, he kept a Cloth-Shop, and that he had Officers and Soldiers quartered on him for several Years past by the different Mayors, that the Officers and Soldiers were quartered very unfairly, for that many of his Neighbours who kept Shops had none quartered on them, that the last Season in the Mayoralty of *Arthur Roche* he had two Serjeants of Sir *Ralph Gore's* Regiment quartered on him for six Weeks by Billets signed by the Mayor, that he saw one of said Serjeant's paid by Mr. *William Trant* for being quartered on him during the same Time, that Mr. *Trant* shewed him the Billet signed by the Mayor, that he took no Notice of it at that Time, but waited till the Serjeant called on him again, when he refused to pay him, upon which the Serjeant bullied, and swore he would lye in his House, and drew his Sword, but then went away, that he soon after returned with half a Dozen Soldiers, and sayd the Mayor desired him to make his quarters good, upon the Witness's still refusing him entrance he went away, and soon after a Mayor's Serjeant came to the Witness to know why he did not pay him, he then told the Serjeant he would wait upon the Mayor on the Exchange, which he did together with Mr. *Trant*, the Serjeant was on the Exchange before him. That he (the Witness) told the whole affair to the Mayor in the Presence of several of the Corporation, and desired to be Sworn to the Facts, and so did Mr. *Trant*, that the Mayor sayd it was a Complaint rather to the Commanding Officer than to him, and that he was not redressed, but the Serjeant followed, abused, and insulted him, that he did not pay the Money, the Regiment being immediately after removed from *Limerick*, that he has been rated most partially by
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Magistrates more than Men of treble his Fortune, that he has been rated 2*l.* 10*s.* when there was no more than 60*l.* or 70*l.* to be raised on the Parish of St. *John's*, that he has made frequent Complaints to the Magistrates, but never was redressed, that since the late A*&*, he had been rated only three Shillings and Three-pence.

John Mc. Gregor being Examined, sayd, he was a Chandler, that he was rated by the Justices 10*s.* 10*d.* at a time, when he was not worth 10*l.* in the World, that the Rates have not been fairly or equally apportioned.

Dennis Collins being Examined, sayd, he was Deputy Water Bailiff, that he took 7*s.* 6*d.* out of every Ship that came to the Quay, if the Ships remained at the Pool, he received only Half a Crown, that he also received out of every Ship that came in Ballast Two-pence *per* Ton, and that he received out of every Boat that had a Mast Six-pence, that his Duty was to get Births for the Ships.

Alderman *John Shepherd* being Examined, sayd, that in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Seven, he offered in the publick Court of *D'Oyer Hundred* for the Lands of *Labenomuck*, which have been since set to *Peter Sargent* at 30*l.* a Year, and that he was almost sure said Lands were then set up to Cant, otherwise he should have had no Business to bid for the same.

Your Committee find that by Returns made to them from the Quarter-Master-General's Office, that there were no Orders given by the Government for quartering any of his Majesty's Forces on the City of *Limerick* during the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Seven.

Edmond Tierney Merchant, being Examined, sayd, he remembered a Court called the *Pie-powder Court*, held in the Mayoralty of Alderman *John Ingram*, that a Ship called the *Charming Kitty*, the Property of *Andrew Kelly* of London, came to *Limerick*, that she took in a Cargo of Salt there for *Newfoundland*, that she proceeded upon her Voyage, but was put by stress of Weather into *Tralee*, that she afterwards returned to *Limerick*, and on her arrival there, the Seamen in-

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sifted on being paid their Wages, and applied for that purpose to Mr. *Michael Tierny* his Father, who was a Relation of the Owner, that he told them, as they had not performed the Voyage he did not think them strictly intitled to Wages, upon which they went to Mr. *Robert Hallam* an Attorney, (who is the present Town Clerk,) that the said Ship, or Master, or both, were Arrested by Virtue of some Process from the said *Pie-powder Court*, at which the Mayor, Alderman *Cripps*, and *Arthur Roche* presided, that Mr. *Hallam*, or Alderman *Ingram* the then Mayor, (he could not recollect which) gave his Father a Verbal Notice that a *Pie-powder Court* would be held the *Monday* following, that the Notice to the best of his Memory, was given on *Saturday*, that the whole Demand of the five Seamen who belonged to the said Ship, was 35*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* that he to avoid Expence, recommended to his Father to pay them their said Demand, and that he by the Directions of his Father, before the said *Pie-powder Court*, met pursuant to the said Notice, tendered the said Money to the said Seamen, they sayd they would not receive it without the consent of their Attorney, and paying what Costs they had been at, that he asked how much they amounted to, they sayd they would go for their Attorney and bring him, which they accordingly did, that he demanded from Forty to Forty-six Pounds Cost, upon which the Witness offered to pay him Six Pounds Cost and the Debt, but he refused, and the said *Edmond Tierny* laid before your Committee a Copy of the Proceedings of the said Court, by which it appeared to your Committee, that on *Monday* the Twenty-ninth Day of *February*, One thousand seven hundred and Forty-seven, the Plaintiffs declared upon an Attachment against *John White* the Master of the said Ship, and that the Defendant was ordered to appear at the next Adjournment of the said Court, which was to Four o'Clock on the same Day, that at the said Adjournment Judgment was given for the Plaintiffs by Default, and that the said Court adjourned to the Morning of the next Day, having directed a Writ of Enquiry of Damages to issue, and that on *Wednesday* Morning the Water Bailiff returned the Writ of Inquiry of Damages, and thereupon the said Court on the same Day gave Judgment for the Damages so returned, that the whole Amount of the Sums for which Judgment was so given for the Plaintiffs for Principal and Costs was 111*l.* 19*s.* 5½*d.* tho' the original Demand was no more than 35*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

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Your Committee find that five several Writs of *Fieri Facias* bearing Date the Second Day of *March*, One Thousand seven hundred and Forty-seven, issued out of the said Court against the Goods and Chattles of the said *John White*, directed to *Walter Parker*, Water Bailiff of the Port of *Limerick*, and returnable into the said Court on the Third Day of *March*, One thousand seven hundred and Forty-seven; And your Committee find that the said Water Bailiff under Colour of the said Writs seized into his Hands the said Ship called the *Charming Kitty*, with all her Tackle, Rigging, and Furniture, and set the same up to Publick Cant; the said *Edmond Tierny* sayd, that the said Ship was sold by Cant for One Hundred and Fifteen Pounds, to *John Vincent*, Chamberlain of the City, in the Presence of the Mayor, Alderman *Cripps*, and *Arthur Roche*, tho' he himself offered One Hundred and Sixteen Pounds, if the Gentlemen upon the Bench would warrant the Sale; that he believed the said Mr. *Vincent* purchased the said Ship upon the said Cant in Trust for the Corporation, that the said Ship was sold at an Under value, and that he believed the Recorder was not present at the said Pye Powder Court, that the Ship was afterwards delivered up to a Person in Trust for the Owner upon paying the Sum of One Hundred and Fifteen Pounds to the Water Bailiff, and that the Surplus never was returned: And the said *Edmond Tierny* laid before your Committee the original Bill of Sale of the said Ship under the Hand and Seal of the said *Walter Parker*, Water Bailiff, in Consideration of the Sum of One Hundred and Fifteen Pounds, which he thereby acknowledged to have received; Your Committee find that by the Charter of King *James* the First to the City of *Limerick*, an Admiralty Jurisdiction is granted to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Citizens of the said City, and an Admiralty Court erected to be held before the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen for the Time being, or any Three or more of them of whom the said Mayor and Recorder are always to be Two; Your Committee find that by the Oath of the Mayor of the said Corporation, he swears, that he will minister equal Justice as well to the Poor as to the Rich, and that he will well, truly, and diligently execute the Office of Clerk of the Markets within the said City and the Liberties thereof, and that the Chamberlain of the said City by his Oath Swears, that he will well and truly serve the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Citizens of the

the City in the Office of Chamberlain or general Receiver of the City, and that he will therein do right to all Manner of People both Poor and Rich, and that he will truly and duly collect the Money due or belonging to the Corporation, and that he will safely keep the same, and have the same always in Readiness to the Use and Order of the said Corporation, and that he will not waste the same, and that he will make true Account thereof as often as he shall be thereunto required without Concealment.

Your Committee find, that by the said Accounts so returned by the said *John Vincent*, he charges himself as having received out of the Estate of the Corporation and for the Tolls at the Gates, and in the Markets to and for the Twenty-ninth of *September*, One thousand seven hundred and Forty-eight the Sum of Ten Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Three-pence, and he thereby returns the Tenants of the Corporation in Arrear to and for the said Twenty-ninth Day of *September*, One thousand seven hundred and forty-eight, Two Thousand and Ten Pounds Five Shillings and Sixpence, and by the said Accounts the said *John Vincent* takes Credit for several Sums as paid by him to the said Time, amounting to Ten Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Three-pence; your Committee beg Leave to observe that the said *John Vincent* charges himself in the said Account for the Rent of several Plots of Ground mentioned to be in the Tenure of *George Fitz-Gerald*, at the yearly Rent of Twenty-one Pounds Four Shillings and Sixpence, to and for the Twenty-ninth of *September*, One Thousand seven hundred and Forty-three, but that he does not charge himself with the said Rent in any subsequent Year; Your Committee likewise beg Leave to observe, that it appears by the Corporation Books, that on the Fifteenth Day of *October*, One thousand seven hundred and Forty-four, *Matthew M'Nemara*, Esq; paid One Hundred and Twenty Pounds as a Fine for a Lease which he then took of some Lands from the Corporation, and that the said *Matthew M'Nemara* on the Third of *November*, One thousand seven hundred and Forty-four paid the Sum of Three Hundred Guineas as a Fine for a Lease of other Lands belonging to the Corporation: Your Committee find that the said *John Vincent* has not given any
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Credit in his said Accounts for the said two Sums amounting in the whole to the Sum of Four Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds Five Shillings; and your Committee beg Leave to observe that it does not appear by the said Accounts by what Orders or for what Purposes he paid the said several Sums for which he so takes Credit; your Committee find that by the said Accounts the said *John Vincent* charges himself as having received for the Tolls at the Gates and in the Markets from the Twenty-ninth of *September*, One thousand seven hundred and Forty-eight, to the Twenty-ninth of *September*, One thousand seven hundred and Sixty, Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred and Seventeen Pounds, and for Rents received by him during the first Two Years of the said Period Three Hundred and Thirteen Pounds Six Shillings, which Two Sums make in the whole the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Pounds Six Shillings; but your Committee beg Leave to observe, that in the said Account he does not charge himself with the Tolls in the Year One thousand seven hundred and Fifty-three, which appears by the Corporation Books to have amounted in that Year to the Sum of One Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Pounds; your Committee likewise observe that the Rents of the Corporation Estate from the Twenty-ninth of *September*, One thousand seven hundred and Forty-eight, to the Twenty-ninth of *September*, One thousand seven hundred and Sixty, amounted to Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds Eight Shillings, out of which deducting the Sum of Three Hundred and Thirteen Pounds Six Shillings, admitted by Mr. *Vincent* to be received by him, there remains unaccounted for the Sum of Seven Thousand one Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds Two Shillings, which added to the Sum of One Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Pounds, which Mr. *Vincent* has omitted to charge himself with, makes in the whole a Sum of Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds Two Shillings; your Committee find that the said *John Vincent* takes Credit in the said Account for several Sums as paid by him during the said Period, amounting in the whole to the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Nine Pounds Ten Shillings and Two-pence; but your Committee cannot find by what Orders or for what Purposes several of the said Sums were paid; and your Committee beg Leave to observe that in Four of said Years he claims Credit for Seven Hun-

Hundred Pounds as paid to the respective Mayors in said Years for their Salaries, tho' it appears that no more than Five Hundred Pounds was ordered by the Council to be paid to each of them for their said Salaries, by which Means your Committee apprehends he has taken Credit Eight Hundred Pounds more than he ought in that Particular: Your Committee find that the whole Revenue of the said Corporation exclusive of the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds borrowed upon said Mortgage, amounted during the Time said *Vincent* was in Office to Thirty-five Thousand and Nine Pounds Four Shillings and Three-pence, and the whole Amount of Payments for which the said *Vincent* takes Credit is Twenty-six Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Pounds Three Shillings and a Penny, so that if the whole had been received, there would be a Balance of Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Nineteen Pounds One Shilling and Two-pence due to the Corporation.

And upon the whole, the Committee came to the following Resolutions.

Resolved,

1. That it appears to this Committee, that the Estate and Revenues of the Corporation of the City of *Limerick* are vested in the whole Corporate Body, for the publick Uses of the City.

Resolved,

2. That it appears to this Committee, that an Order was made by the said Corporation on the Twentieth Day of *August*, One thousand seven hundred and Twenty-eight, that all Leases to be made by the Corporation of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments belonging to them should be first proposed to the Court of *D'Oyer Hundred* for their Assent thereto, before such Leases should be perfected, and that the said Order still remains unrepealed.

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3. That it appears to this Committee, from the Books and Accounts of the said Corporation, that the Mayor and Common Council of the said City, have for several Years past, taken upon themselves to dispose of the whole Revenues of the said Corporation, and the greatest Part thereof amongst a few Members of the said Council, without the Approbation of the said Court of *D'Oyer Hundred*.

Resolved,

4. That it appears to this Committee, that the Mayor and Common Council of the said City have taken upon them to Demise the greatest Part of the Estate of the said Corporation, to some Members of the said Common Council for Nine Hundred and Ninety-nine Years, and to other Members of the said Council for ever, at trifling Rents.

Resolved,

5. That it appears to this Committee, from the Books and Accounts of the said Corporation, that the Mayor and Common Council of the said City, have for several Years past misapplied and wasted the greater Part of the Revenues of the said City.

Resolved,

6. That it appears to this Committee, that Mr. *John Vincent*, Burgefs, was appointed Chamberlain of the said City on the Twenty-sixth Day of *December*, One thousand seven hundred and Forty, and that he has been continued ever since in the said Office, and that he has never accounted either with the Corporation or the Common Council for the Revenues of the said Corporation, or any Part thereof.

Resolved,

Resolved,

7. That it appears to this Committee, that the said *John Vincent* paid several Sums of Money out of the Revenues of the said City by the Orders of Alderman *Arthur Roche* only, without any Authority from the said Corporation or Council for so doing.

Resolved,

8. That the Accounts laid before the Committee by the said *John Vincent*, appear to the Committee to have been lately made up, and calculated to prevent this Committee from coming at the Knowledge of the real State of the Accounts of the said Corporation, and that the said *John Vincent* has not produced to the Committee, any original Papers, Vouchers, or Council Orders, relative to said Accounts.

Resolved,

9. That it appears to this Committee, that the Office of Town-Clerk in the said City, is an annual Office in the election of the Council, and Annually to be approved of by the Lord Lieutenant or Chief Governors and Council of this Kingdom, and that the said *Arthur Roche* sold the said Office for Four Hundred or Five Hundred Pounds, though it appears the said Office is not worth more than the annual Sum of One Hundred Pounds.

Resolved,

10. That it appears to this Committee, that the Office of Pilot of the River *Shannon*, is an Office requiring Skill and Attendance to conduct Ships in the said River ; that the said *Arthur Roche* when he was Mayor procured the said Office to be granted to his own Son, who was then a Boy of about Nine Years old, that he permitted the said Office during the Time his Son held the same, to be executed by unskilful Persons, and
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that he afterwards sold the said Office for Eighty Pounds, and procured the Council to make a new Grant of the same to the Purchaser for Life.

Resolved,

11. That it appears to this Committee, that the Mayor and Council of the said City have taken upon them to make a Lease for ever at a trifling Rent to the said *Arthur Roche* of the greatest Part of the Hospital Lands which were before constantly enjoyed by the Corporation for the Use of the Poor.

Resolved,

12. That it appears to this Committee, that the said *Arthur Roche* never paid any Rent whatsoever to the said Corporation.

Resolved,

13. That it appears to this Committee, that there has been great Partiality in the Payment of Corporation Orders.

Resolved,

14. That it appears to this Committee, that the Tenants to the said Corporation are for the most part Members of the Common Council, and that they have been permitted to run greatly in Arrears, particularly since the Year One thousand seven hundred and Forty-nine, since which Time it does not appear that they have paid any Rent whatsoever.

Resolved,

15. That it appears to this Committee, that the Tholsel and Market-House of the said City are in a ruinous Condition, that the Court-House is pulled down, and the Goal not fit for the Reception of Prisoners.

Resolved,

Resolved,

16. That it appears to this Committee, that the several Corporation Charities have been permitted to go to Decay.

Resolved,

17. That it appears to this Committee, that great Abuses have been for several Years past committed in the Shambles and Markets of the said City, and that the Magistrates have neglected to correct, if not connived at the same.

Resolved,

18. That it appears to this Committee, that the Mayors for several Years past have neglected to strike the Assize of Bread regularly.

Resolved,

19. That it appears to this Committee, that the Streets and Lanes of the said City have for several Years past been kept in a most filthy Condition, though Two Members of the Common Council have as Scavengers been allowed Annual Salaries of One Hundred and Forty Two Pounds for keeping the same clean.

Resolved,

20. That it appears to this Committee, that there has been great Partiality and Oppression for several Years past in Quartering of Soldiers and Officers upon the Inhabitants of the said City.

Resolved,

21. That it appears to this Committee, that Alderman *Arthur Roche*, when Mayor, illegally and arbitrarily committed
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Patrick Sexton to Goal for refusing to pay a Sum of Money for the Quarters of two Serjeants at a Time when he was only a Lodger, and had but one Room.

Resolved,

22. That it appears to this Committee, that Alderman *David Roche*, when Mayor, did arbitrarily and illegally oblige *Christopher Mead* to pay a Sum of Money for the Quarters of an Officer, who resided in *Dublin*, during the greatest part of the Time, for which he made him pay.

Resolved,

23. That it appears to this Committee, that Alderman *John Ingram* when he was Mayor of the said City, Alderman *Arthur Roche* and Alderman *Robert Cripps*, did assume a Jurisdiction not warranted by the Charters of the said City or by any Law, and under Colour thereof, did Arbitrarily, Illegally, and Oppressively, seize and sell by Publick Cant, a Ship called the *Charming Kitty*, the Property of *Andrew Kelly* of *London*, Merchant, for the Sum of One Hundred and Fifteen Pounds.

Resolved,

24. That it appears to this Committee, that there have been great Extortions and Abuses committed for several Years past, in the Collection of the Tolls at the Gates, and in the Markets of the said City, and that the Magistrates of the said City have countenanced and supported several of the Persons who have been guilty of such Extortions and Abuses.

Resolved,

25. That it appears to this Committee, that Part of the Revenue belonging to the City has been applied by the Direction of *Arthur Roche* in defending a Suit commenced against one of the Persons who was guilty of such Extortions.

Resolved,

Resolved,

26. That it appears to this Committee, that Alderman *Francis Sargent*, when Mayor, the said *Arthur Roche* and *John Smyth*, did direct that three Pounds twelve Ounces should be taken for the Toll in the Market out of every *Bristol* Barrel of Wheat, though One Pound Nine Ounces only ought to have been taken, and that the Toll-gatherers did accordingly collect said Toll of Three Pounds Twelve Ounces during the Years One thousand seven hundred and Fifty-nine and One thousand seven hundred and Sixty, except the last Three Months of the Year One thousand seven hundred and Sixty.

Resolved,

27. That it appears to this Committee, that the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds borrowed by the Corporation in the Year One thousand seven hundred and Forty-nine, and by them ordered to be paid to *Arthur Roche*, Esq; to be by him applied in Discharge of the Debts then due by the said City, hath not been by him entirely applied to the said Purposes; the Sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Part thereof having been by him lent to *John* and *Vincent Browne*, Esqrs; for their private Use, without any Order of the Council, and several other Sums part thereof having been by him expended in supporting a Law Suit, for which Suit or Application of Money, there does not appear to have been any Order of Council.

Resolved,

28. That it appears to this Committee, that the Account of the Application of the said Sum of Two Thousand Pounds laid by the said *Arthur Roche*, before the Council, was by the said *Arthur Roche* during the Time he was Town Clerk, taken from among the Papers of the said Council, and secreted by him till his Examination before this Committee, and that the said Account and Report thereon do not warrant the Entry thereof made by the said *Arthur Roche* when Town Clerk in the Common Council Books.

Resolved

Resolved,

29. That it appears to this Committee, that the said *Arthur Roche* has acquired so great an Influence and Power in the said Common Council, that no Person can be admitted a Freeman, or Common Council Man or Magistrate, but through his Interest, and that he prevented some Gentlemen who had served the Office of Sheriffs in the said City, and against whom he admitted there was no Objection, from being admitted Common Council Men, though having served such Office is the usual Recommendation to that Board.

Resolved,

30. That from the said several Particulars and from divers others in this Report mentioned, it appears to this Committee, that the Conduct of the said *Arthur Roche* has been highly detrimental to the Interest of the said City, and contrary to his Duty as a Freeman, a Common Council Man, and a Magistrate, and therefore that the said *Arthur Roche* is a Person not fit to be intrusted with the Government of the said City, or with any Office therein.

Resolved,

31. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Interposition of Parliament is absolutely necessary for redressing the said several Grievances and Abuses, and for preventing the like for the future.

And then the Chairman having been first directed to report the Proceedings specially to the House, did by Order of the Committee leave the Chair.

T H E E N D.



S C H E M

Of the TOLL of the CITY of LIMERICK

WHEREAS *John Hicky, John Jones, and Thomas Holland*, in behalf of themselves, and several other *Gentlemen and Farmers*, in the several Counties of *Clare, Kerry, and Limerick*, preferr'd a *Petition* to the Honourable the House of Commons; complaining of several *Exactions, Tolls and Duties*, imposed by the Corporation of *Limerick*, both on the *Merchants and Farmers*, illegally to the great Discouragement of *Tillage*, and the *Trade* in general of that Part of the Kingdom. And,

WHEREAS for the preserving a good Understanding between the said Counties and City, it was mutually agreed, that the Matters complained of, should be fully considered and determined by the Right Honourable Sir *Ralph Gore*, Bart. Chancellor of His Majesty's Court of *Exchequer*: The Honourable *Thomas Marlay*, Esq; His Majesty's Solicitor General, and *Francis Bernard*, Esq; And,

WHEREAS upon Examining into the Allegations of the said *Petition*, it was by them, in presence of several *Persons* concern'd for the said Corporation and City Awarded, that the several *Duties* herein after specify'd, and no great *Customs, Duties, or Tolls*, should for the future be *Collected or Paid* for, or on *Account* of the several *Commodities*, and Particulars herein mentioned, than are contained in a *Schedule* hereunto annexed. And,

WHEREAS the several *Parties* have acquiesced in their Determination. It is therefore agreed that the said *Schedule, or Docket, Sign'd and Seal'd* by the said *Referrees* shall be lodged in the Hands of the *Clerk* of the *House of Commons*, and shall be confirmed under the *Seal* of the *Corporation*, to the intent that the *Merchants and Farmers* may know what they are to pay, and the *Corporation* what is to be received by them.

The *Toll* to be taken out of a *Winchester Barrel* of Corn to contain an Ale Quart, and rateably for a greater or lesser Quantity, the *Winchester Barrel*, containing four Bushels, Gateage, for each *Winchester Barrel*, of all kind of Grain, Beans, Peas, Rapeseed and Potatoes, to be sold in the City or Suburbs, *One Half-penny*.

For measuring a Barrel of Corn, if sold in the *Market*, *One Half-penny*.

Corn bought in the *Country* by *Malsters*, or any other private *Persons*, and there measured, to pay *One Half-penny per Barrel* Gateage, and no other Duty, or Measure Money.

A SCHEDULE of the Ingate Customs, to be paid

D U L E,

ERICK, settled the 18th of *January*, 1723.

Corn bought in the *Country*, for *Exportation*, and brought into the *City*, or *Suburbs*, to pay only Gateage: Provided the same be exported in a Year and a Day, but if any part thereof is sold in the *City*, the whole to be subject to Toll.

All Corn shipp'd at the *Kay* or *Pool*, out of any Boat for *Exportation*, to pay no Duty, Toll, or Custom, whatever.

No Duty to be paid for *Lams* from *Yeaning Time*, till after *Midsummer*.

No Gateage to be paid for any manner of *Cattle*, driven thro' the *Suburbs*, or *Liberties*, if slaughter'd there, but if driven thro' the *City*, to pay Gateage, that is, *One Penny* a Collop. *Sheebeen* to be paid for *Meal*, that paid the *Sheebeen* before in *Limerick*, in *Grain*, for its standing in the *Market*.

Nothing to be paid for *Beef*, *Hide*, or *Tallow*, of *Cattle* that paid Gateage coming into the *City*, when the said *Beef*, *Hide*, and *Tallow* are sold in the *Market*.

Every Merchant or other, not Free of the *City*, shall at any Time, he or they demand it from the Mayor, or chief Magistrate of the said *City*, be admitted Free of all *Cocket-Duty*, and *Petty Customs* (except Gateage as aforesaid) paying the Corporation *Five Pounds per Annum*, and no more, and such as will not pay the said *Five Pounds*, shall pay *Eighteen Pence a Pound*, according to the Net Duty paid His Majesty, as is express'd in the *Book of Rates*. No *Cocket Duties* or *Customs*, or *petty Duties* to be paid for, or on account of the *One Third* in the *Customs*. *Spirits* perfectly made, to pay *Twelve-Pence* a Pound, according to the Net *Old Duty*, paid His Majesty for the *Customs*, but nothing to be paid for the *One Third*.

The Mayor, and other Officers of the Corporation, engage to take all proper Care, that the Corn shall be measured by the *Strike Measure*, and not by the *Heap Measure*; and the more effectually to put this in Execution, the *Measurer* is to make use of an *Iron Bar*, upon a Level with the Top of the Barrel.

	s.	d.
The <i>Water-Bailiff's</i> Fee from the <i>Pool</i> , to <i>Limerick</i>	2	6
And as much back	2	6
Keyage,	2	6
Anchorage	5	6
Receiver's Fee, for Clearing	1	0

to be paid by those not Free of the *City* of *Limerick*.

A SCHEDULE of the Ingate Customs, to be paid

	s.	d.	
Each Cask of Butter, under one hundred Weight	0	1	Every Hoghead of melted Tallow
Each Cask of Butter, one hundred Wt. and upwards	0	2	Every Gallon of Honey
A Barrel of Beef	0	1	Every Stone of rough, or melted Tallow
A Barrel of Mutton	0	1	Every Horse Load of Iron
A Barrel of Pork	0	1	Every Truckle Load of Iron
A Barrel of Herrings	0	2	Every Roll of Tobacco of 14 l. Weight
A Tierce of Salmon	0	3	Every Roll of Tobacco of 20 l. Weight
A Pack of Wool	0	3	Every Horse Load of Tobacco
A Bag of Hops	0	3	Every Hoghead of Tobacco
A Barrel of Wine, or Strong Waters	0	3	Every Pack of Frize, or Woollen-Cloath
A Hoghead of Wine	0	6	Every Horse Load of Salt, or other dry
A Butt, or Pipe of Wine	1	0	Every Dozen of Hatts
Every Hide Tann'd or Raw	0	1	Every Horse Load of Timber Ware
Each Horse Skin	0	1	Every Twenty Wooden Cups, or Dishes
Each Deer Skin, one Half-penny			Every Horse Load of Bark
Each Dozen of Sheep, or Goat Skins	0	1	Every Pipe, Hoghead, or Barrel Staves
Each Hundred of Lamb or Coney Skins	0	2	Every Horse Load of Lime, one Farthing
Each Pack, or Horse Load of Sheep, or Goat Skins	0	4	Every Horse Load of Slates, one Farthing
Every Cow, or Bullock sold in the Market, to be Toll'd	0	4	Every Horse Load of Hoops
Every Horse or Mare sold in the Market, to be Toll'd,	0	6	Every Horse Load of broad Hoops
Every Cow, or Bullock slaughter'd in the Walls or Suburbs	0	2	Every Horse Load of broad Joice, or Plow
for Transportation			Every Horse Load of Turf, to pay three
Every Mutton Slaughter'd, one Farthing,			Each Horse Load of Charcoal, one Half
Every Pork, Veal or Hog Slaughter'd, one Half-penny.			Each Rug or Caddow
Each hundred Weight of melted Tallow	0	1	Each Horse Load of Wood, one Stick.
Every Barrel of melted Tallow	0	3	

Tox. ROCHE, Mayor,
George Roche.

Francis Burton,
Thomas Crosbie,
Henry Rose,
W. Maynard,

Berkeley Taylor,
John Croker,
William Crosbie,
Angel Scot,

John Madder,
Jasper Rourke,
Laurence Nibell,
John Creagh,

Ralph Gore,
Thomas Mar,
Francis Ber

The several Goods annexed to this SCHEDULE

	s.	d.	
AN Hoghead of Cyder	0	4	Every Horse Load of Calf Skins, Goat
Every Tun of Kelp	0	3	and Lamb Skins, mix'd together
Every Kid Skin, to pay one Half-penny.			An Horse Load of Milk, one Farthing
Every Load of Gounagh Skins, exceeding Sixteen	0	4	Every Horse Load of coarse Timber on
And any Quantity under 16, to pay one Farthing for each			Every Truckle Load of Timber
Skin.			Every Dozen of Spade Trees or wooden
Every Horse Load of Calf Skins above three Dozen, to pay	0	4	each Dozen
Three Dozen or under, to pay by the Dozen	0	1	Every Horse Load of Brooms, to pay
Under three Skins, to pay a Farthing a-piece.			Under Six to pay nothing ; a Dozen to p
A Pocket of Hops or Wool, not exceeding one Hundred			A Horse Load of Quicks or Fruit Trees
and Half, Three Half-pence.			Every Horse Load of Scollops
			Every Dozen of Saddle Trees

Any thing herein omitted, the Custom to be regu

paid by those not Free of the City of *Limerick*.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
_____	o	6	Each Horse Load of Wattles, one Half-penny.		
_____	o	1	Each Horse Load of Apples, or other Fruit	—	o 1
Tallow, one Half-penny.			Each Horse Load of Oysters	—	o 1
_____	o	2	Each Pack of Worsted, or Woollen Yarn	—	o 4
_____	o	3	Each Pair of Mill Stones	—	3 4
Weight, one Farthing.			Each Horse Load of green Fish	—	o 1
Weight, one Half-penny.			Each Hundred of dried Hake	—	o 2
_____	o	3	Each Hundred of dried Cod, or Ling	—	o 4
_____	o	6	Each Fox Case, one Farthing.		
n-Cloath	o	4	Each Otters Skin, one Half-penny.		
ther dry Goods	o	1	No empty Trunks coming for Goods, to pay any thing.		
_____	o	1	Each Bushel of Ashes, one Half-penny.		
Vare	o	4	A Barrel of Ashes	—	o 1
r Dishes, one Dish or,	o	1	Each Truckle Load of Stone Coal	—	o 1
_____	o	1	Each Barrel of Oyl	—	o 2
el Staves, one of them, or	o	1	A Tierce of Oyl	—	o 3
e Farthing.			A Hoghead of Oyl	—	o 4
e Farthing.			Each Hundred of Feathers, one Penny, and so in Pro-		
_____	o	1	portion.		
ops	o	2	Each Dozen of Stockings	—	o 1
e, or Plank	o	1	Each Stone of Horse Hair, one Half-penny.		
ay three Turfs.			Each Hundred Weight of Soap	—	o 1
ne Half-penny.			Every Truckle Load of Iron Mine	—	o 1
_____	o	1	Each Standing in the Market, on Market Days, except		
e Stick.			for Bread and Salt, to pay	—	o 1
			Each Horse Load of Laths	—	o 1

Signed by the Arbitrators, Sir *Ralph Gore*, *Thomas Marlay*, and *Francis Bernard*.
 The 20th of Jan. 1723. In Presence of *John Madder*, and *Angel Scot*.

EDULE, to pay Custom, as follows.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
, Goat Skins, Sheep Skins,			An Horse Load of Saddle Trees	—	o 4
her	o	4	A Pig Trough drawn by an Horse	—	o 1
Farthing.			A Horse Load of Fruit on the Back	—	o 3
mber on the Back	o	1	Every Truckle Load of Ditto	—	o 4
_____	o	2	An Horse Load of Cheese	—	o 3
wooden Shovels, to pay for			A Truckle Load of Cheese	—	o 4
_____	o	1	A Horse Load of Earthen Ware	—	o 4
to pay	o	1	Canvas, Linen, and Linen-Yarn, Gateage Free, by		
zen to pay a Broom.			Act of Parliament.		
it Trees, to pay	o	3	No Gateage to be paid by any Person from the Suburbs to the		
_____	o	2	Town, for any Goods whatsoever.		
_____	o	1			

regulated by the Mayor for the Time being.